



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pre Patent Application of:

**NATHAN SNELL ET AL.**

Serial No. **10/667,817**

Filing Date: **September 22, 2003**

For: **HANDS-FREE DOOR OPENER AND  
METHOD**

Art Unit: **2632**

Attorney Docket No.  
**34297**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is respectfully requested that the Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO/SB/08A) attached hereto be entered and the references listed thereon be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl M. Napolitano, Ph.D.

Reg. No. 37405

Allen, Dyer, Doppelt, Milbrath & Gilchrist, P.A.

255 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 1401

Post Office Box 3791

Orlando, Florida 32802

(407) 841-2330

Agent for Applicant

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2004.

Edward Bradley



Case No. 34297

**THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
AND TRADEMARKS  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the patent application of:

**Inventors: Nathan Snell et al.**  
**For: Hands-Free Door Opener and Method**  
**Serial No.: 10/667,817**  
**Filed: September 22, 2003**

**Enclosed are:**

- ☒ Citation Under 37 CFR § 1.97 (IDS)
- ☒ Form PTO – 1449 + copies of cited references

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Account No. 01-0484.

February 18, 2004

Date

Carl M. Napolitano

Reg. No. 37,405  
ALLEN, DYER, DOPPELT, MILBRATH &  
GILCHRIST  
255 South Orange Avenue - Suite 1401  
P. O. Box 3791  
Orlando, Florida 32802-3791  
PHONE: (407) 841-2330

**Allen, Dyer, Doppelt, Milbrath & Gilchrist, P.A.**  
**Attorneys-At-Law, 255 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 1401, P.O. Box 3791, Orlando, Florida 32802-3791**



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<b>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete If Known</b>	
				Application Number	10/667,817
				Filing Date	9/22/2003
				First Named Inventor	Nathan Snell
				Group Art Unit	2632
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	34297

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document Number      Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	3,560,950		D. Peters	02/07/1971	
	AB	3,852,592		Scoville et al.	12/03/1974	
	AC	4,023,151		Markham	05/10/1977	
	AD	5,657,004		Whittaker et al.	08/12/1997	
	AE	5,673,016		Lutes	09/30/1997	
	AF	4,560,912		Jonsson	12/24/1985	
	AG	4,577,437		Gionet et al.	03/25/1986	
	AH	4,660,324		Nyenbrink	04/28/1987	
	AI	4,698,937		Kornbrekke et al.	10/13/1987	
	AJ	4,972,629		Merendino et al.	11/27/1990	
	AK	5,040,331		Merendino et al.	08/20/1991	
	AL	5,770,935		Smith et al.	06/23/1998	
	AM	5,855,027		Macedo	01/05/1999	
	AN	5,878,530		Eccleston et al.	03/09/1999	
	AO	6,292,100		Dowling	09/18/2001	
	AP	6,461,013		Simon	10/08/2002	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (If known)				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).

<sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.